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In re Application of: Koichiro Hori et al
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AMENDMENT "A"

Responsive to the Official Action mailed 26 February 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Cancel claims 2, 8, 17, 19-23, and 25-28. ✓

Please amend claims 1, 3-7, 9-16, 18, and 24 as follows:

1. (Amended) An endoscope comprising:

a video camera having a housing with a distal end and a proximal end, said camera also including within said housing optical means for acquiring images of objects and electronic imaging means for producing electrical signals representative of said images;

a flexible cable connected to said video camera, said cable including fiber optic means for transmitting light to the area in front of said distal end of said camera and electrical conductors connected to said electronic imaging means for

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